(c) in which year the reserved seats in IAS and IPS were not filled during the same period?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is given in the Statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 105]

(c) Reserved candidates equal to the number of reserved vacancies were allocated to the IAS and IPS in all the three years.

Improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare

3123. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions from different organisations and commissions for the improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Chattopadhaya Commission made some suggestions *inter alia* regarding improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare. These were examined by an empowered committee set up by the Government. Thereafter, the Foundation has introduced various welfare schemes for the benefit of teachers/dependents like assistance to State/UT Govts. for construction of teacher rest-houses (Shikshak Sadans) paid holiday to eminent teachers, financial assistance for professional education of children of school teachers, medical reimbursement to teachers suffering from serious ailments, gratuitous relief in cases of serious accidents etc.

VCR/VCP project in Rajasthan

3124. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level team of the Electronic Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited (ET and T) visited Rajasthan in May, 1989 to select a site of the proposed VCR/VCP Project in the State and also recommended a site near Jaipur;

(b) whether ET & T propose to sign a MOU with RIICO to implement this vital project in that State;

(c) whether the Chairman and Managing Director of the Electronic Trade and Technology held discussions with the Central Government in this regard; if so, with what results; and

(d) what is the latest position in this regard indicating the likely installed capacity per annum, total investment outlay and foreign exchange involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF M. G. K. MENON): (a) With regard to their proposal for setting up of VCR/VCP project in the country, ET&T had conducted a locational study of various States including a site near Jaipur in Rajasthan. The visit for this to Rajasthan took place in May, 1989.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Taking into account the proposed heavy outflow of foreign exchange, the Government has not been able to accept the proposal in its present form.

Firing by Sri Lankan Army on Indian Fishing Boats

3125. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan army opened fire on an Indian fishing boat.